Euro Faces back on stage

THE FACES' European tour which was cancelled earlier this summer because of Rod Stewart and Kenny Jones' nervous exhaustion has been partially re-arranged for this month.

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Ex-Trapeze man for Purple

PAUL RODGERS of Free will not become the new singer in Deep Purple, replacing the departed Ian Gillan. But Roger Glover, Purple's ex-bassist's successor has been named as Glenn Hughes, previously with Trapeze

At a press conference held last week to introduce Hughes, Purple's drummer Ian Paice and guitarist Ritchie Blackmore said that Rodgers had indeed been asked to join the band, but — rumours in the musical press to the contrary — he felt he had too many commitments with Free to join.

Multi-instrumentalist Glenn Hughes, 21 years old, from Staffordshire, appeared on Trapeze's first three albums as bassist and lead singer. Recommended to Deep Purple, who asked him to join several weeks ago, he told RM that he agreed immediately to Glenn will definitely be contributing songs."

Roger Glover leaves Purple to concentrate on production as the head of A and R for the Purple label. He will continue to write songs with Ritchie Blackmore, and intends to continue performing as well as producing and seeking new talent for the label.

Trapeze started auditions for a replacement for Glenn Hughes this week but, as a spokesman for the band said: "There aren't many singer-bassplayers like Glenn around, and Trapeze may have to take on two new members to replace him."

Rodgers said this week: "I have nothing against Deep Purple or their music but I'm more interested in continuing with Free, which will be re-grouped around Simon Kirke and myself to record an album for late autumn release. We are trying out a new bass player and will definitely be back in business with a full line-up in the near future."

Pie play 15th US tour

HUMBLE PIE, whose latest album, Eat It, recently was certified gold in the USA, leave this week for their fifteenth American tour.

The Pie will play selected dates across the continent, playing as far apart as Toronto and Alabama. They are booked for six bill-topping open-air dates, including a concert in the mountains outside Pittsburgh — expected to draw between 50 and 50,000 fans by the promoters.

The group's Dave Clempson and Greg Ridley both have plans for solo albums, after the group returns to Britain early next month they will start recording.

The whole band will also start work on a new album.

Glencoe dates

SCOTS band Glencoe are to undertake a two month college and club tour during September and October which will coincide with the release of their forthcoming album.